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AIRDROP BELIEVED H-TEST METHOD

By the Associated Press

The Atomic Energy Commission says the hydrogen bomb tested by Communist China on Friday probably was dropped from an airplane.

This was the same method used to test China's first H-bomb, detonated in the same Lop Nor area 18 months ago.

Sources indicated that Friday's bomb and its predecessor were more or less the same, suggesting no major advance between the two tests. They involved a device with the explosive yield of 3 million tons of TNT.